

FIRE, DEATH AND DESTRUCTION TWO BIG CONFLAGRATIONS IN TWO GREAT CITIES

Million and Half Dollar Fire In Chicago Claims the Lives of About Thirty Firemen Including Fire Marshal.

Score of Policemen and Firemen Are Killed By Falling Walls at the Big Philadelphia Conflagration Last Night.

Large Packing Plant Destroyed and Men are Crushed to Death by Falling Walls--Chief Meets end Directing Work.

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Dec. 22—Fire Marshal James Horan and between 28 and 30 firemen were killed and 40 others injured today in a fire which started at an early hour and has caused a million and a half dollars' damage. At 11 o'clock the fire was still threatening the whole stock yards district. A wall fell in and crushed an overhanging wooden canopy on the beef house of the Morris Packing company, where the fire started. Beneath the canopy were two companies of firemen and Chief Horan. All of these men were crushed to death. The burning debris made a furnace into which the firemen were unable to dig for several hours.

Assistant Chief Williams and Lieutenant Fitzgerald were with Marshal Horan under the canopy, in the act of receiving orders for fighting the flames in other quarters and both went down to death with Horan. After vainly trying to recover the body of the dead chief, the firemen obeyed the directions of Assistant Marshal Seyferlich, and redoubled their efforts to prevent the spread of the flames.

The blaze was discovered about 4 o'clock this morning by a watchman in the Morris beef house at Forty-third and Loomis streets. An ammonia pipe bursting started a combustion that spread so quickly that flames immediately burst from the building.

Fire Marshal Horan heard the second call for apparatus and went to the scene in an automobile. By that time the efforts to save the beef house had been abandoned and several other buildings were ablaze.

Under an awning which offered shelter the fire crews sought safety while from the top of a canopy another group of firemen played many streams of water into the heart of the fire. Suddenly the leader of

the band above felt the wall going and shouted a warning. He with his men escaped by jumping, but those below met death.

Streams of water were poured on the fire for several hours, when Assistant Marshal Seyferlich declared he heard a voice. Four bodies were taken out, but none were found alive.

The dead include two entire fire companies.

A coroner's jury was empaneled on the spot, but the jurors joined with the others in aiding the firemen.

Mayor Busse went to the scene and was discussing the death of Chief Horan with Assistant Marshal Seyferlich, when an explosion of ammonia pipes threw bricks, beams and frozen meat all about them. Seyferlich threw himself in front of the mayor and pushed him to safety.

As news of the fate of their chief spread among the firemen, many of the wearied men sobbed as they continued work.

At 12:25 an explosion occurred on the top floor of the warehouse, blowing the roof into the air. Half a dozen companies of firemen on the further end of the roof narrowly escaped.

The buildings were totally destroyed and at 1 o'clock the Morris company's warehouse, refrigerator and storage shed, were a complete loss, being valued at a million and a quarter. Several other buildings were still on fire but it was believed that the flames would soon be under control.

Later this afternoon it was announced that the dead number 24, all firemen except Stephen Leen, a 16-year-old clerk. The fire is now confined to minor buildings and the danger of spreading to the stock yards is considered past.

USES MONOPLANE TO HUNT DUCKS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22—Hubert Latham went duck hunting today in a monoplane. He killed one and crippled several.

WOMAN RUNS BAREFOOT THROUGH FROZEN SNOW

ECCENTRIC STUNT RESULTS IN CONFINEMENT IN COUNTY JAIL

Just because she desired to walk through the snow barefooted, not for the purpose of cleaning her pedal extremities, but just for the fun of the thing, poor Mary O'Neil was arrested yesterday and now graces a cell in the women's ward at the county jail. It was only one of her eccentricities and indications pointed to her having grasped the idea spiritually, or with the aid of spirits, such as are evoked with the use of a bottle or cask.

Nevertheless Mary was arrested and her feelings were chagrined. But it was not the first time that Mary had been pinched, for she has been a frequent visitor in the police court. Only a week ago she enjoyed the same experience when her husband, or alleged husband, had her arrested for going through his wardrobe and taking therefrom many articles which mysteriously disappeared. A satisfactory adjustment was evidently effected for the complaining witness did not appear to prosecute the case. All this has nothing to do with Mary and her barefooted walk through the frozen snow and it is probable that a charge of disorderly conduct will be placed against the lady and her near future will be again decided in the justice court.

AEROPLANE CROSSES ENGLISH CHANNEL

DOVER, Dec. 22—Ceil Grace, in an aeroplane, crossed the English channel from Calais today. He started to return this afternoon.

WILL ENJOY HOSPITALITY OF TWO SHERIFFS

PRISONER IS SENT TO COUNTY JAIL FOR TWENTY DAY SENTENCE

Fred Anderson, a recent arrival from Round Mountain, while out celebrating several nights ago, became imbued with the idea that Jack Johnson was a second-rater in the fighting business, and after telling everybody he met of his opinion, finally secured an argument with a bystander, and talked just one minute too long, for he was relegated to the Jeffries class. His appearance was not exactly the same and it was doubtful if he would have recognized himself had he looked in a glass. His disturbances did not cease with the first argument and finally when he became too disorderly the police grabbed him and he was taken to the city bastille for the night.

Yesterday afternoon Anderson was brought before Judge Atkinson, and after the court was informed of the circumstances, the defendant was fined \$40. In the absence of the amount of the fine, Anderson was extended an invitation to be a guest of Sheriff Rejo over the holidays, and enjoy the hospitality of the Hotel de Robb for at least the next twenty days. So it appears that the prisoner will not only enjoy the hospitality of the present sheriff, but will be on hand to greet Sheriff-elect Ed Malley and sample the accommodations as provided for under the new regime. At any rate his services will be appreciated on the county woodpile, and the exercise will serve to break the monotony.

Fire Chief Has Narrow Escape From Death While Fireman Is Pinioned Underneath Iron Girders for Hours Until Finally Rescued.

By Associated Press.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22—Four firemen are known to be dead and twenty are thought to be buried in the ruins, while twelve others are in hospitals as the result of a fire last night in the leather factory of Freeland & Co., 1114-1120 North Bodine street.

It was at first reported that Fire Chief Baxter was among those in the ruins, but though injured by being carried down with the falling walls, he escaped.

While the firemen were fighting the flames from the roofs of adjoining buildings, the south wall of the big building crashed down upon them. There were at that time at least thirty-five men in the buildings and all were carried down.

Four of the unfortunate men were later taken out dead. Twelve were unable to extricate themselves from the mass of bricks and twisted iron girders, and it is thought twenty are still in the ruins. All of those not dead are seriously injured, but some are able to talk to brother firemen who are bending every effort to rescue them.

The north wall of the burned structure is still standing but may fall at any minute. If such a calamity should occur before the men are dug out, it is probable that all will be crushed to death.

Patrick Carroll and George MacHinsky of engine company No. 7, are among the killed. The men were working on a ladder leaning against the south wall, when it collapsed. William Glazier, of engine company No. 6, is in the ruins alive. In conversation with the rescuers working to help him, he says he is lying on top of Charles Erdman, another member of No. 6 company, and that Erdman is undoubtedly dead.

The blaze was discovered about 10 o'clock and less than half an hour later the interior of the building was a furnace. Unable to fight the flames from the roof of the doomed structure, the firemen ascended to the roofs of three small dwellings adjoining.

It was here that the accident occurred. Scattered about on the three small structures at every vantage point were nearly forty men. While clinging to their icy ladders, which were leaning against the south wall of the leather factory, were Patrick Carroll, George MacHinsky and John Carroll, all of engine company No. 7.

The men on the houses saw the danger first and called a warning to their comrades on the ladders, but so sudden was the collapse of the wall that no one was able to escape the rain of bricks, twisted beams and girders.

With a roar the five-story mass crumbled, carrying either death or injury to everyone who, a moment before, stood, ice covered, trying to save adjoining property.

The scene that followed was sickening. Thousands of gallons of water had already been thrown on the burning building. At least two feet of icy water stood in the cellar.

The first two bodies taken from the debris were those of Patrick Carroll and George MacHinsky, with their heads crushed almost beyond recognition.

A few minutes later the body of Charles Erdman was pulled from beneath a heavy girder, and John Carroll's body was taken out shortly afterwards.

A hurry call was sent to nearby hospitals and the police department for assistance. Soon nearly a score

of ambulances were at the scene. As the injured firemen were lifted from the debris they were ministered to by priests, who were hurried to the fire from St. Peter's German Catholic church, two blocks away.

By Associated Press.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22—Nearly a score of firemen and policemen were killed by falling walls, and 50 injured, some fatally, at a fire which late last night destroyed the leather factory of D. Friedlander, on Bodie street.

John C. Baxter, chief of the fire department, who himself had a narrow escape from death, says a complete report will show that from eleven to fourteen firemen lost their lives. Superintendent of Police Taylor thinks twenty perished. So far twelve bodies have been taken from the ruins.

The intensely cold weather has frozen the wet ruins into an almost solid mass and the work of digging for bodies is extremely difficult.

Lying face downward, with tons of bricks less than a foot above his head and his lower limbs pinioned to the pavement, William Glazier, a fireman, at daylight held frequent conversations with those above who were working to remove the machinery which held him prisoner. He has been supplied with stimulants and a tarpaulin has been spread about his body to keep off the water which is being thrown on the ruins. Unless the debris falls on him, Glazier will probably be rescued in a few hours.

Some of the bodies recovered are so badly burned that the limbs dropped off when lifted.

An official report late this afternoon says that fourteen firemen and one policeman are dead.

Glazier was rescued this afternoon. His recovery is doubtful.

MANY PERISH IN COAL MINE ACCIDENT

BOLTON, England, Dec. 22—It is now believed that 360 persons perished in the Little Holton workings yesterday.

CALIFORNIA IS NOW SCENE OF NEW RAIDS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22—The offices of the Cleveland Oil company, operating in Kern county oil stocks, were raided by federal officers yesterday. W. J. Batchelder, secretary, and G. G. Gillett, said to be interested in the sale of stock, were arrested and charged with using the mail to defraud. They were released on bonds of \$5000 each, and their examination set for December 31. It is said other warrants have been issued.

YERINGTON HAS TOE REMOVED BY OPERATION

CARSON CITY, Dec. 22—Ed Yerington a few days ago had a surgeon amputate one of his toes because the digit insisted on curling up under its brother members. The recalcitrant toe had been unruly for several years, hence the operation, which, while painful, is healing, and the general passenger agent of the V. & T. is able to perform the duties of his office.

Fresh milk and cream at the Tonopah Dairy. 12-12-11

BRITISH SPIES ARE CONVICTED BY THE GERMANS

By Associated Press.
LEIPZIG, Dec. 22—Captain Bernhard Frederick Trench, of the British Royal Marine infantry, and Lieutenant Vivian Brandon, of the British royal navy, were today convicted of espionage on the German fortifications at Borkum, and were each sentenced to four years' imprisonment in a fortress.

A TEN DAY CHANCE TO SECURE BARGAINS

In another section of this paper will be found the advertisement of the H. J. Hall Liquor company, calling attention to the special holiday sale of wines, whiskies, brandies, sweet cider, beer and cigars, and after reading the announcement it should make the task of purchasing presents an easy one. The best of goods are handled by this firm and the low price at which they are being offered will make each purchase a bargain. All goods purchased will be delivered free of charge to any part of town.

Miss Llewellyn, of Round Mountain, who has been visiting on the coast, arrived from the north today and continued on to her home this afternoon.

PLACER MINES AT MANHATTAN TO WORK ALL WINTER

GRAVEL WILL BE STORED AND SLICED WHEN WEATHER MODERATES

A. E. Smith, the United States mineral surveyor from Manhattan, came in from that district last evening and continued on to the coast this morning. Mr. Smith was rather secretive about his mission but it is rumored that when he returns about the first of February he will be accompanied by a wife. Of course congratulations are in order and when the Manhattan bunch learn of his intention, it is assured that he and his bride will be given a royal welcome.

Mr. Smith is one of the placer leasers of the northern camp and has a valuable block of ground at Central, three miles below Manhattan. He stated this morning that practically every lease is working extracting the gravel which will be stored during the winter, and sliced when the cold weather moderates. The activity continues and it appears that there will be no let up this winter and, on the contrary, the spring will witness more men at work than ever before during the history of the camp.

TWO BURGLARS AT RHYOLITE ARE UNDER ARREST

ENTER SALOON AND ROB OCCUPANTS AT REVOLVER'S POINT

Assistant District Attorney Horatio Alling and Miss Frances Smith, stenographer, left this afternoon for Rhyolite. Mr. Alling will represent the county in a trial that will come up in that camp tomorrow.

The case is one of robbery and two men have been arrested and identified. From the meagre details as received by the district attorney's office, it is understood that the men entered a saloon and at the point of a revolver, held up the occupants of the place after rifling the cash register. After being arrested they were identified and the stolen money was found in their possession. Their names are given as McDonald and Deal. Both are known to the local police officials, as they resided here at one time.

Jake Yates, a business man of Round Mountain, left this afternoon for the hydraulic camp.

INSURGENTS DEFEAT MEXICAN TROOPS

EL PASO, Dec. 22—It is reported that the Mexican troops have been defeated. The report that General Navarro is surrounded is confirmed.

SHERIFF-ELECT HARRIS MAKES APPOINTMENTS

ELKO, Nev., Dec. 22—Sheriff-elect Joe Harris announces the following appointments: For jailor, James McMullen; office deputy, Robert Critchley. McMullen was jailor under Sheriff Clark for nearly a year and he saw to it that none of the prisoners under his charge left the walls before their sentences expired.

SANCTUARY SOCIETY TO GIVE DANCE

The ladies of the Sanctuary society are making arrangements for a grand ball that will be given at the Miners' Exchange hall on the evening of January 12. The dance should prove to be an enjoyable affair, as all past events of the society have turned out to be and a committee is now at work making the necessary arrangements. The tickets will be placed on sale in a few days.

All kinds of ruling and binding at the Bonanza.

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